

**REMARKS**

Examiner Wilkens is thanked for the telephone interview of August 23, 2004. This conversation certainly expedited the prosecution of this application.

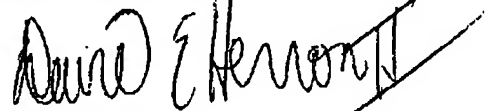
Claims 1-19 adopt the changes that were recommended by the examiner, and therefore allowance of these claims is respectfully solicited. As alluded to in the interview, the applicant has canceled claim 20.

The Final Rejection pointed out that it was unclear whether the walker was intended to be positively claimed as an element of the invention. New Claim 21 intends to clarify that the removable tray provides a central focus of the invention, and elements of the walker have been recited only to clarify how the tray is adapted to the walker.

Claim 21 includes no new elements, and in fact re-iterates the elements set forth in Claim 17, except for the fact that the structural elements of the walker appear within the claim's preamble rather than as positively recited structural elements of the invention. It is respectfully requested that this claim be entered as the foreseeable and natural response to the examiner's rejections under 35 USC 112.

The applicant notes that formal drawings are required. Because formal drawings cannot be submitted by fax, the applicant has mail-filed Submission of Formal Drawings. As such, the applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is solicited.

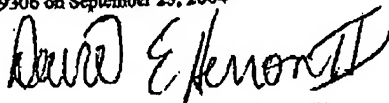
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